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RE: **Google Fiber for Communities – Round Rock, Texas**

Dear Google:

We ask that you give strong consideration to the City of Round Rock's application to be among the communities selected for the Google Fiber for Communities trial project. Among the fastest growing cities in America, Round Rock has earned the distinction of being one of the country's safest and most livable towns, praised by top publications including Kiplinger's Personal Finance (2008) and MONEY Magazine (2008).

Austin Community College District (ACC) is celebrating 36 years as the primary gateway to higher education and workforce training in Central Texas. Among the largest and fastest growing two-year colleges in the nation, ACC is home to more than 40,000 credit students and 3,000 faculty and staff. In fall 2010, our largest campus in Round Rock will open as ACC's eighth full-service campus. We foresee many positive uses of this new fiber network. Beyond simple improvements and enhancements in Web-based learning, a high-speed fiber network would allow ACC to explore new services to students such as telepresence, virtual office hours for faculty, virtual classrooms, better online collaboration between students, and many other applications.

Thank you for considering Round Rock, Texas, for this innovative endeavor. If Round Rock is selected, you will have a partner in Austin Community College.

Sincerely,

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